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SUBJ: GOS TRADE OFFICE

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1. REFTEL REQUESTS EMBASSY REPORT ON STATUS OF REGIONAL TRADE CENTER SINGAPORE AS BACKGROUND IN DEALING WITH GOS REQUEST FOR DETAILS REGARDING STATUS OF PROPOSED GOS TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

2. SINGAPORE TRADE CENTER HAS 2 AMERICAN EMPLOYEES, A DIRECTOR (FSR) AND A DEPUTY DIRECTOR (GS-14). DIRECTOR IS MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF AND ENJOYS DIPLOMATIC STATUS. AT TIME OF TRADE CENTER FORMATION IN 1972, DIRECTOR REPLACED ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC OFFICER IN EMBASSY WHO RETURNED TO THE US. HENCE, OPENING OF TRADE CENTER DID NOT ADD TO THE NUMBER OF DIPLOMATIC STAFF IN THE EMBASSY. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOES NOT ENJOY DIPLOMATIC STATUS. THE DIRECTOR IS LISTED ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST AND ENJOYS ALL PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS, E.G. CD PLATES, DUTY FREE STATUS, ETC.

3. NO SPECIAL STATUS WAS REQUESTED FOR THE TRADE CENTER ITSELF. THE TRADE CENTER IS LOCATED IN RENTED SPACE IN AN OFFICE BUILDING AWAY FROM THE EMBASSY, AND IS NOT CONSIDERED OR TREATED AS AN EMBASSY ANNEX.

4. THE TRADE CENTER IS ALLOWED TO IMPORT DUTIABLE GOODS FREE FROM DUTIES FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES. THE EMBASSY, IN CONSIDERATION

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FOR THIS PRIVILEGE, UNDERTAKES TO INSURE THAT ALL SUCH GOODS

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